

REMARKS**Objections to drawings and specification**

The specification has been amended to correspond with the drawings and claims, as well as to correct typographical errors. Reference to "spacers 76" and "fasteners 74" have been corrected. The claim elements of "a first linking brace" and "a second linking brace" of claim 13 have been added to the detailed description. Instances of the use of the word "proximate" has been changed to "proximal" to create parallel language with the corresponding use of "distal". In regards to the objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5), Applicant respectfully directs Examiner to page 8, line 16 for reference character "96"; page 8, line 20 for reference character "102", page 11, line 16 for reference character "146"; page 13, line 3 for reference characters "158a" and "158b"; page 13, line 5 for reference characters "160a" and "160b"; and page 13, line 10 for reference character "162".

Claim rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112

With regards to the claim rejections under 35 USC § 112, claims 1, 11, and 13 have been amended to provide clarification. Inasmuch as claim 1 has been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter of the invention, any objection to claim 2 for being dependent on a rejected claim is obviated. With regard to claim 11, the claim canceled and the subject matter of claim 11 has been rewritten as claim 15 to provide clarity. Applicant respectfully submits to the Examiner that claim 11 now contains the limitations present within claim 4. Finally, with regard to claim 13, Applicant has amended the claim per Examiner's suggestions.

Claim rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102

Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 12, and 14 as anticipated by Coughran, Jr. (3,572,411). Examiner states that Coughran discloses a shear for mounting to an all-terrain vehicle (ATV). Coughran discloses a mounting frame 12 connected to a frame assembly 16 that contains parallel trailing arms 22 and 24 for mounting a cutter assembly 20. Applicant has amended the claims 1 and 3 to detail that the frame for mounting is comprised of a single stanchion for attaching to the ATV, with a another single metal tube connected thereto. Claim 14 has been amended to be

a system comprised of an ATV with a frame comprising a stanchion attached to the front grill of an ATV. Because Coughran does not disclose a shear mounted to an ATV with the mounting structure as required by the amended independent claims, it does not anticipate those claims of the current application.

Claim rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103

Examiner has rejected claims 2 and 5-8 as unpatentable over Coughran, Jr. in view of Emery (5,174,098). Examiner has rejected claims 9 and 10 as unpatentable over Coughran, Jr. in view of Cornelius (4,683,924). With the amended claims, none of the references alone or in combination disclose each and every limitation of the claims. Specifically, they do not teach a frame containing a single stanchion for mounting a shear to an ATV, or a frame attached to the grill of an ATV. In view of the allowability of independent claims 1 and 3, dependent claims 2, 4-10, 11-13, and 19 also stand allowable and the obviousness rejections thereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(b) is obviated.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the present application, containing pending claims 1-19, is in condition for allowance. New claims 15-18 are patentably distinct over the prior art from their dependence on amended independent claim 14. Consideration and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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